

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

AARON FARRIS, )  
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Plaintiff,         )  
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v.                     )         No. 06-4301-CV-C-NKL  
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KEITH SCHAFER, et al., )  
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Defendants.         )

**ORDER**

On November 7, 2007, plaintiff was ordered to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for his failure to prosecute. Plaintiff was warned that absent a reasonable explanation for his failure to prosecute, this action should be dismissed based on Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). Plaintiff did not respond to the order. As stated in M.S. v. Wermers, 557 F.2d 170, 175 (8th Cir. 1977):

A district court has power to dismiss an action for failure of the plaintiff to comply with “a court order.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). Such action may be taken on the court’s own motion, Welsh v. Automatic Poultry Feeder Co., 439 F.2d 95, 96 (8th Cir. 1971); see Stanley v. Continental Oil Co., 536 F.2d 914, 916-17 (10th Cir. 1976), and may be exercised under the court’s inherent power to control its docket, Pond v. Braniff Airways, Inc., 453 F.2d 347, 349 (5th Cir. 1972); see also Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 629-33 (1962), and to protect the integrity of its orders, Fendler v. Westgate-California Corp., 527 F.2d 1168, 1170 (9th Cir. 1975). See generally 15 A.L.R. Fed. 407 (1973).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that this case is dismissed.

/s/

NANETTE K. LAUGHREY  
United States District Judge

Dated: January 11, 2008  
Jefferson City, Missouri